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THE SENIOR CLASS OF

Tappahannock High School

Tappahannock, Virginia

FOREWORD

The staff of the Taporapian herewith presents to you, the students, a record of our past school year. To the best of our ability we have depicted the various phases of school life as completely and attractively as possible. We hope that it will help you recall, in future years, your hours at Tappahannock High School.

Editor. . . . . Mary J. Prillaman
Ass't Editor. . . .Ruther E. Allen
Business Mgr.. . Dolly M. Brooks
Advisor. . . . . Miss Ware

Pictured left to right: Dolly M. Brooks, Mary J. Prillaman, Ruther E. Allen and Miss Ware.

TAPORAPIAN STAFF

Sitting: Betty Barbour, Mary F. Andrews, Ruther E. Allen, Mary J. Prillaman, Dolly M. Brooks, Jean Uebele, Marjorie Carter. Standing: Mary S. Moore, Dorothy Davis, Phyllis Owens, Joyce Schauer, Anne, Taylor, Wellons Taliaferro, Anne, Louis Owens, Joe Mitchell, Thelma Chenault, Phyllis Winder, Francis Brooks, Betty Anne Brizendine, Tommy Doggins, Gouldin Hayes, Anne Hillyer.

DEDICATION

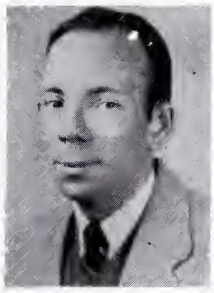
To Edna Carlton, whose counsel and understanding have enabled us to traverse these Halls of Learning with happiness and success, we, the Senior Class, dedicate the 1954 TAPORAPIAN.

We have known her as a teacher, inspiring and patient; we have known her as a leader whose unlimited energy is a challenge to us to do our best; but, best of all we have known her as a friend who listens with sympathy and patience to both our joys and our difficulties.

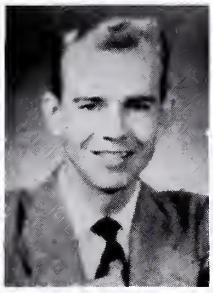
MR. ELDON W. CHRISTOPHER, Principal

Mr. Christopher, who has completed his fourth year as principal of T. H. S., has become the most respected figure here at school. To him we are endebted for many improvements, visible not only in material substance but also in scholarly advancement. His interest in us and in our activities make us glad that he is our principal.

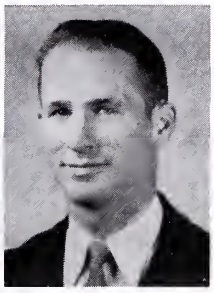
FACULTY



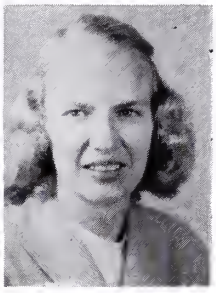
Henry Ashton



William Browne



William Blackwell

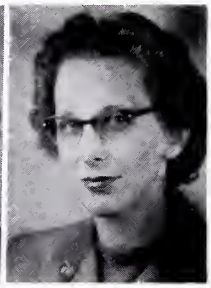


Lila Jane Ware

rene Phillips

Edna Carlton

Gene Christopher



Gladys Healy

Cornelia Marston

Ruth Little

Essie Harrison

Lucy McKinney
Fifth Grade

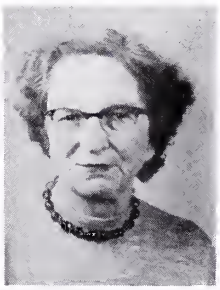
Mary E. Durham
Sixth Grade

Dolly Sisson
Third Grade

Betty McKinney
Fourth Grade

Catherine Ware
First Grade

Ruby Doggett
Second Grade



Ruth Barnhart
Music

CLASS HISTORY

OFFICERS
President.. Mary Jane Prillaman
Vice-President.... Gouldie Hayes
Sec retary..... Joyce Schauer
Treasurer ..... Anne Taylor
Sponsor..... Miss Marston

(From Left) Mary Jane Prillaman, Joyce Schauer, Gouldie Hayes, Anne Taylor, Miss Marston.

It was September once more and we, the present Senior class, were entering our freshman year. Many of us had come from other schools but never the less all were as excited as only freshmen can get. Under the guiding hand of Mrs. Carlton and Miss Ware, our homeroom teachers, we soon settled down and began to work. We were working with a new principal, Mr. Christopher, and things couldn't have been more pleasant. He revived our most enjoyable "May Day" and mighty proud we freshmen were when some of us were chosen for the May Court. For most of us this was what seemed like our shortest year in school as June came around.

Now we were Sophomores and much more relaxed. This year we settled in room 7 with Mrs. Warner as homeroom teacher. This was the beginning of really hard subjects, for some of us were tackling such things as Algebra and Latin. We will never forget the wonderful parties, and how much our dancing had improved in only one year.

September again and how at last we were Juniors, ready for all the big tasks that lay ahead of us. Much to our satisafction we find ourselves once more sponsored by Mrs. Carlton. At once we began planning our Junior and Senior prom to be held on February 20. This was hardly over when we began thinking about the banquet we were sponsoring for the Seniors. We hoped this would be one of the finest banquets T. H. S. had ever known and though it seems conceited, we really think it was. June 11 brought to a close our wonderful Junior year.

How happy we were beginning this our Senior year. Although our number had divided considerably, twenty-four of us were gathering this time in Miss Marston's homeroom. This was the home stretch and we wanted every day to count for something. Although we had been led to believe Seniors had it easy we soon found out there was lots of work to be done. The Taporapian had to be gotten out, also the Senior play must be put over big. Working together as we had right through these four years we accomplished this with ease. Exams completed our year, commencement night rolls around; for some of us it means more education as we go on to college but some of us must now face the business world and earn our keep. However as we go on from here none of us, I am sure, will ever forget dear old T. H. S.

ROBERT AKERS
"Bobby"

FFA, 1; Basketball, 4.

MARY FORREST ANDREWS
"Pig"

FBLA-Treasurer, 3; Parliamentarian, 4; Library Club, 4; Softball, 1, 2, 3; Basketball, 3; Co-Captain, 4; Safety Patrol, 1, 4; SCA Committee Chairman, 4; Annual Staff, 4; Monogram Club, 2, 3; Volleyball, 2, 3.

BETTY JOYCE BARBOUR

Dramatic Club, 1, 2; Cheering Squad, 1, 2, Captain, 4; Delegate to State SCA Convention, 3; FBLA-Reporter, 3; Library Club, 3, 4, President, 4; SCA Committee Chairman, 2, 4; Student Council, 4; Annual Staff, 3, 4; Monogram Club, 3; Delegate to Regional FBLA Convention, 3.

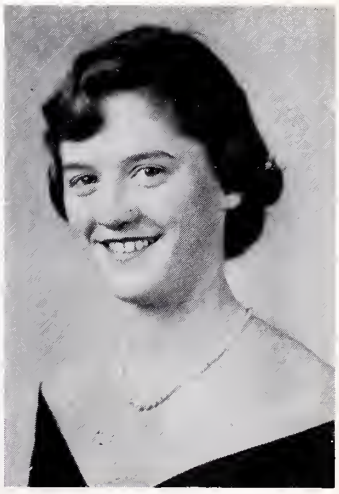
SENIORS

BETTY ANNE BRIZENDINE
"Pugg"

Secretary of Class, 1; Cheering Squad, 2, 3, Co-Captain, 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; FBLA, 3, 4; Library Club, 3, 4; Treasurer of Class, 3; SCA-Treasurer, 4; Student Council, 4; Monogram Club, 3; Annual Staff, 4; May Court, 2, 3; Delegate to U. N. Forum, 3.

DOLLY MAE BROOKS
"Shorty"

Cheering Squad, 1, 2, 3; Basketball, 3, 4, Co-Captain, 3; Softball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball, 2, 3; Secretary of SCA, 3; Delegate to SCA District Convention, 4; Monogram, 3; FBLA, 3, 4; Annual Staff, 2, 3, Business Manager, 4; Library Club, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council, 3, 4; May Court, 3; Delegate to U. N. Forum, 3.



RICHARD BROOKS
"Dicky"

Baseball, 3; Football, 4.

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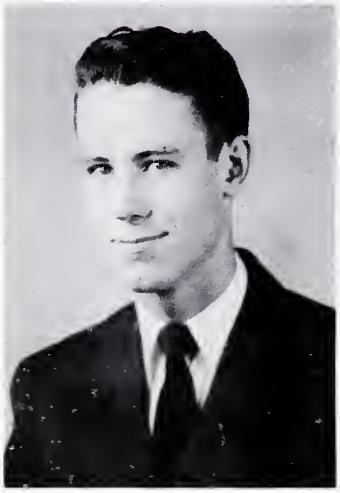
TIDEWATER LAUNDRY

MARJORIE CARTER
"Carter"

Glee Club, 1, 2, 4; Dramatic Club, 2; FBLA, 3, Secretary, 4; SCA Committee Chairman, 4; Annual Staff, 4; Library Club, 4; Delegate to District SCA Convention, 4; Delegate to State FBLA Convention; Forum 4.

THELMA CHENAULT
"Peanut"

Library Club 3, 4, Treasurer, 3; FBLA, 3, President, 4; Annual Staff, 4; Safety Patrol, 4.



ROBERT CRAXTON

Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Safety Patrol, 3; Hillbilly Club, 2; FBLA, 4; Football, 2, 3, 4; Basketball, 3, 4; Monogram Club, 3.

DOROTHY DAVIS
"Dot"

Library Club, 3, 4; FHA, Treasurer, 4; Annual Staff, 4; Volleyball, 2.

TOMMY DOGGINS
"Dog"

Glee Club, 1, 3, 4; Safety Patrol, 4; Annual Staff, 4; Basketball, 4.

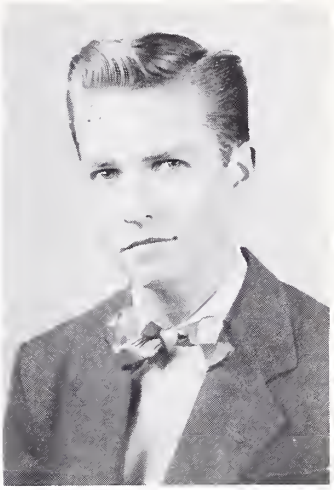
GOULDIE HAYES
"Bunks"

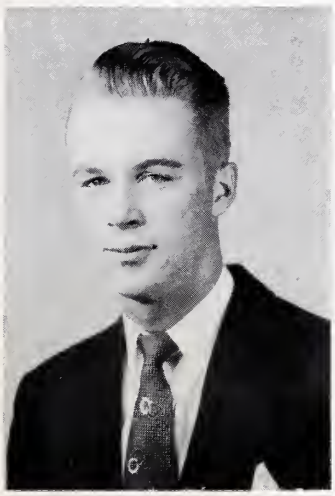
Student Council, 1, 2; Vice-President of Class, 4; Baseball Team, 2, 3; Football Team, 2, 3, 4; Hillbilly Club, President, 2; Dramatic Club, 1, 2; District Winner of Forensic Contest, 3; Representative to Boys State.

ANNE HILLYER

Glee Club, 3, 4; Basketball, 3, 4; Student Council, 4; Annual Staff, 4; Library Club, 3, 4; FHA, 4; SCA Committee Chairman, 4; Dramatic Club, 1.

CLYDE JONES



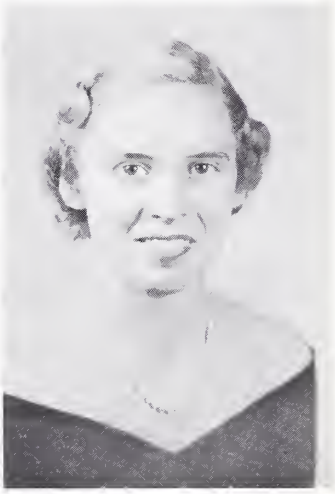


JOE RYLAND MITCHELL

Football, 2, 4; FFA, 1, 2, 3, President, 4; Glee Club, 3, 4; Monogram, 3; Annual Staff, 4.

MARY SMITH MOORE

Volleyball, 2; Library Club, 3, 4; FBLA, 3, Vice President, 4; Softball, 3; Basketball, 4; Annual Staff, 4.



ANNE LOUIS OWENS

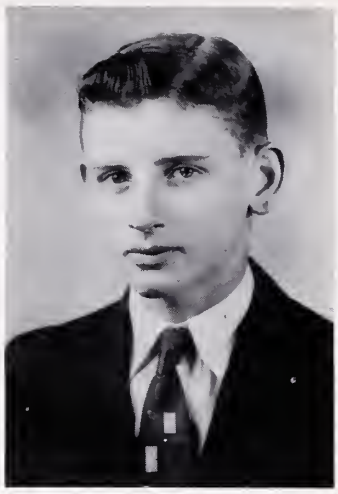
Cheering Squad, 3, 4; SCA Treasurer, 3, President, 4; Glee Club, 3, 4; Secretary of Class, 3; FBLA, 3, 4; Student Council, 2, 3, 4; May Court, 1, 2, 3; Annual Staff, 4; Student Council, President, 4; Delegate to District SCA Convention, 2, 4; Delegate to Forum, 3.

MARY JANE PRILLAMAN

Representative to Girls State, 3; President of Class, 3, 4; Secretary of Class, 2; Delegate to District SCA Convention, 1; Delegate to State SCA Convention, 2; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff, 3, Editor, 4; Committee Chairman, 3; Library Club, 3, 4; Student Council, 3; Cheering Squad, 3, 4; May Court, 1, 2, 3; Monogram Club, 3; Delegate to Forum, 3.

JOYCE SCHAUER

FBLA, Vice-President, 3; FBLA, Reporter, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Library Club, 4; SCA Secretary, 4; Senior Class Secretary, 4; Student Council, 4; Annual Staff, 4; FHA, 4; Safety Patrol, 4; Delegate to Regional FBLA Convention, 3.



FRANK ROY SMITH

Football, 4; FFA Convention Delegate, 2; FFA, 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary, 3, President, 4; Forestry Judging Team, 3, 4; Treasurer of Northern Neck FFA Federation, 4.

ANNE TAYLOR
"Queenie"

Safety Patrol, 2, 4; Library Club, 3, 4; FBLA, 3, 4; SCA Committee Chairman, 3, 4; Student Council, 3, 4, Vice-President, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Delegate to State SCA Convention, 3; Annual Staff, 4; Class Treasurer, 4; May Court, 3.

JEAN UEBELE
"Butterball"

Treasurer of Class, 1, 2; Vice President of Class, 3; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheering Squad, 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club, 3; SCA Delegate, 1; Library Club, 4; FBLA, 3, 4; Annual Staff, 4; SCA Committee Chairman, 3, 4; Student Council, 1, 3, 4.

PHYLLIS WINDER

Glee Club, 1, 3, 4; Annual Staff, 4; FBLA, 4; Library Club, 4; Volleyball Team, 1, 2; SCA Committee Chairman, 4; Student Council, 4; Discussion Leader District SCA, 4; Safety Patrol, 3, 4.

Anne Taylor - "If she is fat tell her she is thin!"

Betty Barbour - "O-h-h"

Marjorie Carter - "Look at those Legs!"

Mary Jane Prillaman - "Look at that smile!"

Joyce Schauer "Now let me think!"

Anne Louis Owens "Why the frown?"

Mary Forrest Adnrews "Her first step"

Phyllis Winder - "Wonder what she's thinking about?"

Robert Croxton "How he has changed!"

Dolly Mae Brooks "Look at that post!"

Gouldie Hays - "Good to the last drop!"

Anne Hillyer - "Why the bow-legs?"

Betty Ann Brizendine - "Basking in the sun!"

Frank Smith - "Hot Rod Driver!"

NOT A WORRY

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

The Class of 1954, declares this to be their last will and testament:

Robert Akers leaves his ability to flirt with girls to Henry Greenwood although he doesn't need it.
Mary Forrest Andrews leaves her ability to play center field to anyone who thinks they can stop the ball by falling on it.
Betty Barbour leaves still drinking her small limeade with plain water.
Betty Anne Brizendine leaves so Ray won't have to come back again next year.
Dolly Mae Brooks leaves her technique to get along with boys to Joyce Tignor.
Richard Brooks leaves his ability to say "I don't know" to Alex Dillard.
Marjorie Carter leaves her naturally curly hair to anyone who wants to save the expense of a TONI.
Thelma Chenault leaves her ability to make smart remarks to the teachers to Alan Courtney who can't think of anything to say when he is in a tight spot.
Robert Croxton leaves to be with HER!
Dorothy Davis leaves her neatness to Cecil Hicks who tries so hard.
Gouldie Hayes leaves T. H. S. at last!
Beverly Anne Hillyer doesn't leave anything she is taking it all with her.
Clyde Jones leaves his ability to by quiet to Nina who never seems to shut up.
Joe Ryland Mitchell leaves his reputation as a "Hot Rod Driver" to Wellons Taliaferro who tries so hard.
Mary Smith Moore leaves her pleasing smile to James Coghill. Come on James how about a smile!
Anne Louis Owens leaves to be with HIM!
Mary Jane Prillaman leaves the headaches of editing the Taporapian to Ruther Allen, next year's editor.
Joyce Schauer leaves her ability to get along with teachers to Billy Clark who tries so hard.
Frank Smith leaves his president's seat in the FFA to anyone who wants a gib job.
Anne Taylor leaves giggling, as usual!
Jean Uebele leaves her pleasing disposition to the teachers.
Phyllis Winder leaves as the only girl in the Senior Class who has at least HAD a diamond!

CLASS PROPHECY

The program that you are about to see is the tenth annual reunion of the 1954 graduates of Tappahannock High School being held in the very beautiful Warrior Ballroom at Tappahannock, Virginia. We will describe the graduates for you as they enter for it is very doubtful if you would recognize many of them. The ballroom tonight, is decorated very beautifully in the class colors of purple and white.

We see the first guest arriving. Let's see if we recognize her. Yes, it's the country's greatest woman politician, PHYLLIS WINDER, arriving early so that she can meet every one at the door and remind them to vote for her in the coming election. Entering now is RICHARD BROOKS who is manager of the Pea Ridge Construction Company. With him we see JOE RYLAND MITCHELL, owner of the Mitch-O-Ranch-O at Upright who owns 5 new blue Dodges. Also in this party is GOULDIE HAYES who is manager of the Rexbury branch of the Standard Oil Company but still rides in JOE'S Dodges for free.

If your picture is not clear at this time, do not call this station. It is only FRANK SMITH who is flying in from Chicago where he attended the National Rabbit Breeders Conference.

We see ROBERT CROXTON arriving from Florida where he has been basking in the sun and still trying to make a hit with the girls.

JOYCE SHAUER, the first woman clerk of Essex County enters followed by MARY JANE PRILLAMAN, BETTY ANN BRIZENDINE, and ANNE LOUIS OWENS, all teaching at the Howerton's School for Dignified People. MARY JANE teaches dancing, BETTY ANNE teaches singing and ANNE LOUIS teaches "How to hold a boy friend."

That celebrity--Oh! that's JEAN UEBELE who has been featured at the Stork Club as the world's outstanding Rhumba dancer.

There's ANN HILLYER--remember how she wanted to teach Home Ec. ? Well, now she's assistant professor of food preparation at Madison. She's really made a name for herself with her "Salad hodge-podge".

Mink coat, diamonds, that can't be THELMA CHENAULT. How ? Oh, you said she hadn't been interested in either of her 20 jobs since high school, so she married an old millionaire. Isn't that just like Thelma ? That's not one of THELMA'S diamonds flashing now, it is MARY SMITH MOORE'S Ipana smile, which she has been using to make her fortune on TV.

My, who is this stylish looking person coming in now--it's BETTY BARBOUR who is a dress designed in New York. With BETTY is her old friend (?) ANNE TAYLOR who is happily married to a VPI graduate and is secretary to the President of Radford College.

We have just received a telegram from MARJORIE CARTER, leader of the Pea Ridge Debating Society, who is touring Europe. It seems MARJORIE got involved in an argument with a French model and couldn't stop in time to attend the celebration. The subject of the argument--American Men vs. French Men.

Now entering is DOROTHY DAVIS who is working (? ?) and is happily married to (? ?).

Just in view of the camera is DOLLY MAE BROOKS who is an X-Ray Technician at the Warrior Memorial Hospital in Tappahannock. . DOLLY says she still likes to ride in blue Dodges.

Now you see the distinguished gentlemen CLYDE JONES who has made a fortune selling Old Age Insurance to T. H. S. Teachers.

We shall conclude our program with a word from our sponsor, Akers Wildroot Cream Oil, invented by ROBERT AKERS, another one of our THS graduates of 1954.

WHO'S WHO

SENIOR CLASS 1954

Most Intelligent

Gouldie Hayes — Mary Forrest Andrews

Neatest

Joe Ryland Mitchell — Dorothy Davis

Best Disposition

Richard Brooks — Jeane Uebele

Best Athlete

Robert Croxton — Dolly Mae Brooks

Best All Around

Joe Ryland Mitchell — Jeane Uebele and Dolly Mae Brooks

Most Comical

Couldie Hayes — Mary Forrest Andrews

Laziest

Robert Croxton — Anne Hillyer

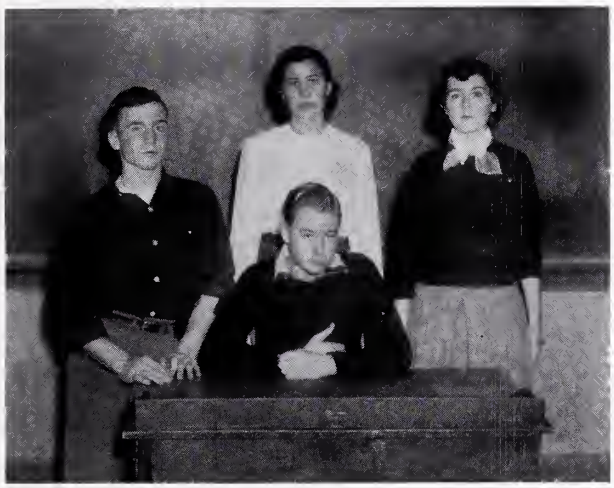
Most Likely To Succeed

Frank Smith — Mary Jane Prillaman

UNDERCLASSMEN OFFICERS

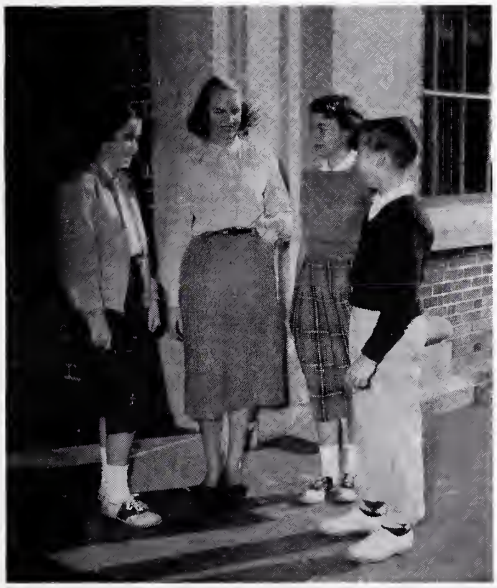
JUNIOR

President ..... Patsy Fogg
Vice-President ..... Alex Dillard
Secretary ..... Bernard Davis
Treasurer..... Wellons Taliferro
Advisor ..... Mrs. Healy



SOPHOMORE

President ..... Bruce Parker
Vice-Pres.....Franklin Brizendine
Secretary .....Nina Gawen
Advisor ..... Mrs. Little



FRESHMAN

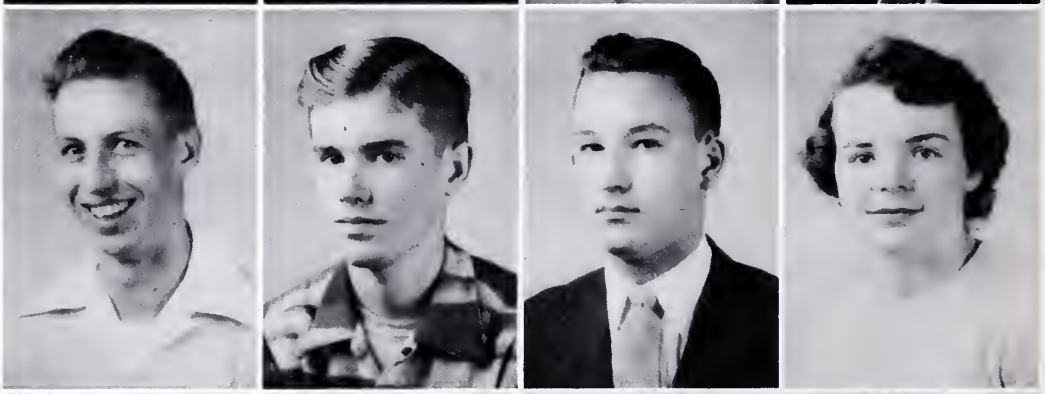
President .....Sally Christopher
Vice-President ... Skipper Garrett
Sec. - Treas. ..... Nancy Olinger
Advisor .....Miss Ware

JUNIORS

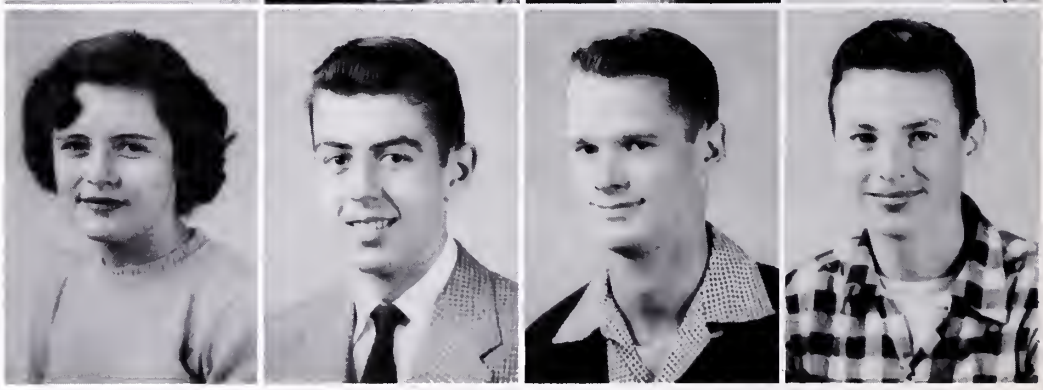
Elsie Allen
Nancy Allen
Ruther Allen
Anita Balderson

Bob Balderson
Barbara Baughan
David Baughan
Francis Brooks

B. T. Coghill
James Coghill
Bernard Davis
Dorinda Davis



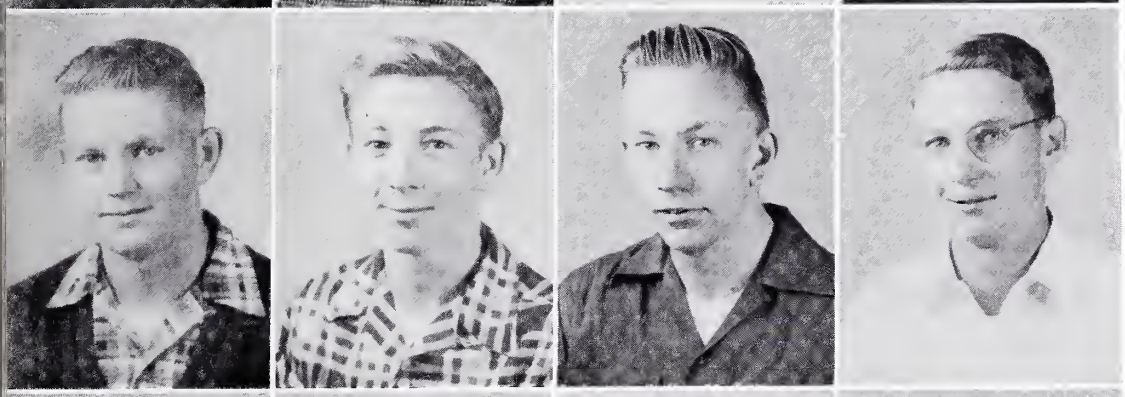
Elizabeth Davis
Alex Dillard
Chippy Dowell
Allen Elliott



JUNIORS

Shirley Elliott

Wayne Ellis
Allen Evans
Patsy Fogg
Henry Greenwood



John Haile
Leo Hayes
Cecil Hicks
Jimmy Hundley

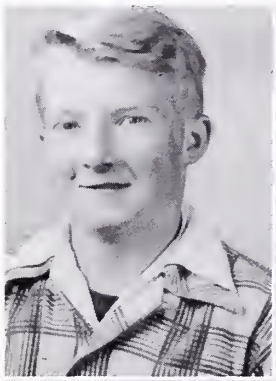
Jimmy Hutchinson
James Mitchell
Tommy Moore
Phyllis Owens

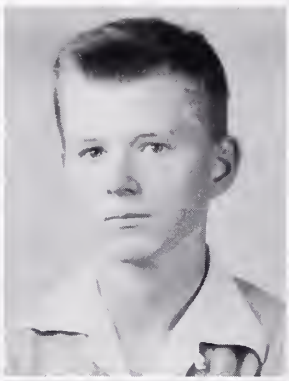
Alice Schools
Jean Shackelford
Wellons Taliaferro
Barbara Taylor

SOPHOMORES

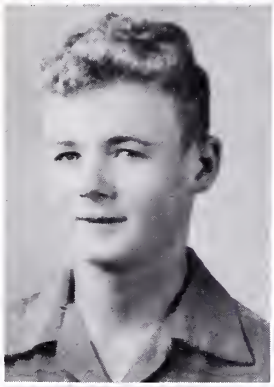
Frank Akers

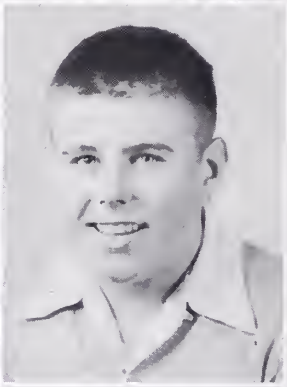
Bobby Allen
Franklin Brizendine
Billy Brooks
James Brooks





Lloyd Brooks
Mae Lynn Brooks
Duane Burton
Ray Carlton





Mildred Cash
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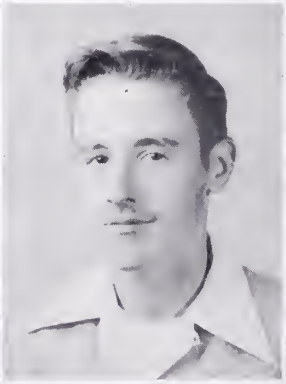

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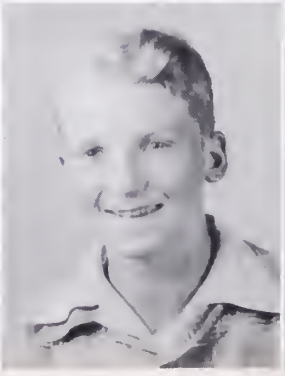

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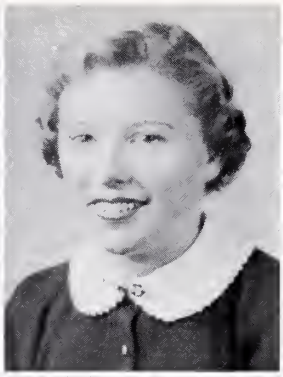

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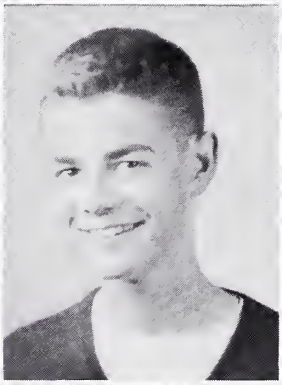

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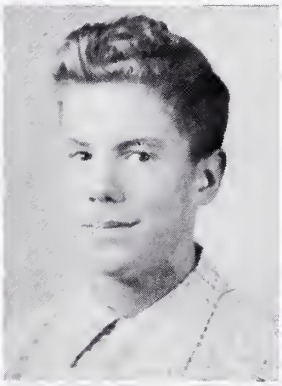
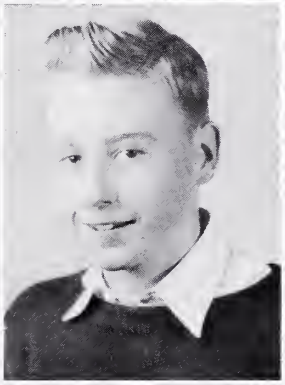

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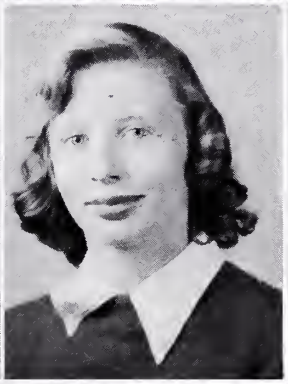

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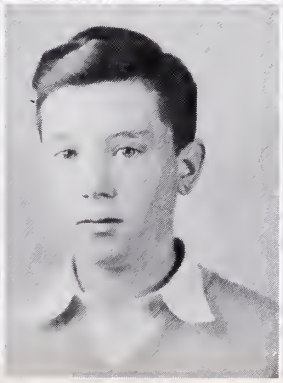
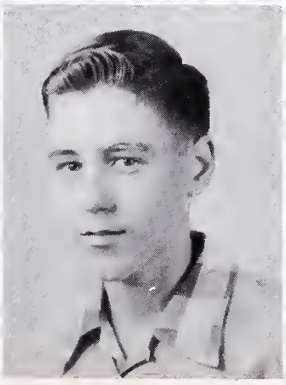

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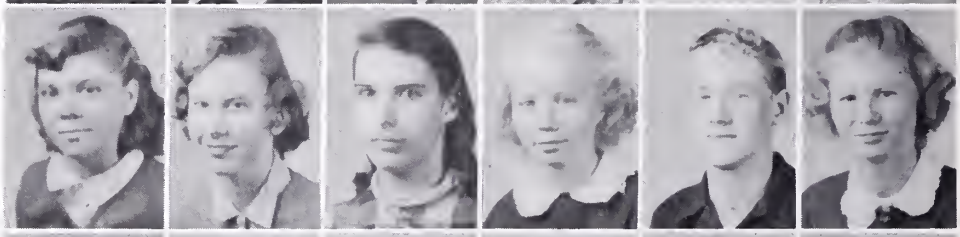

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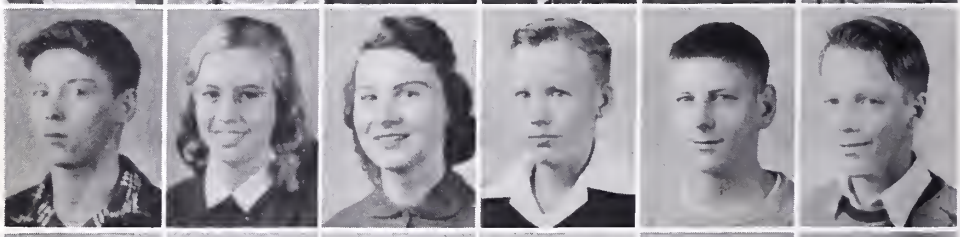

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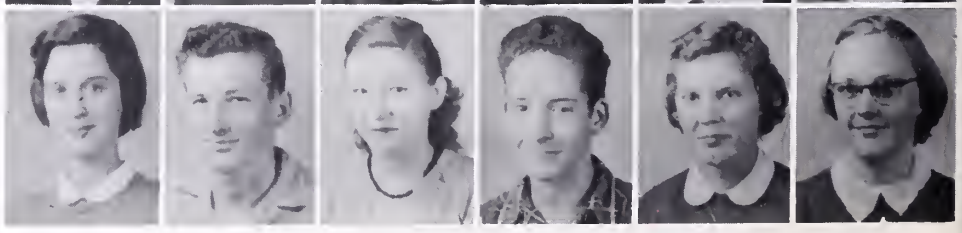

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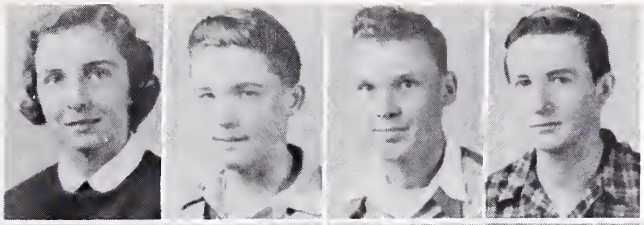

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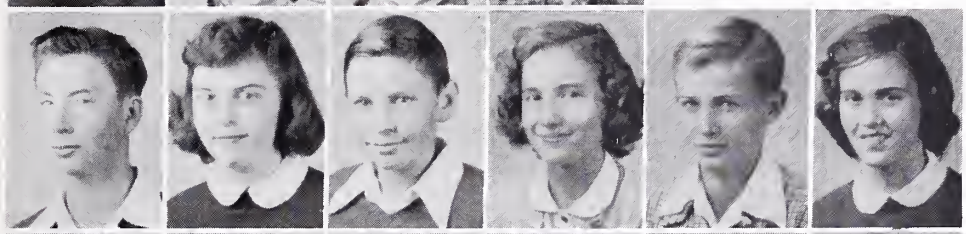

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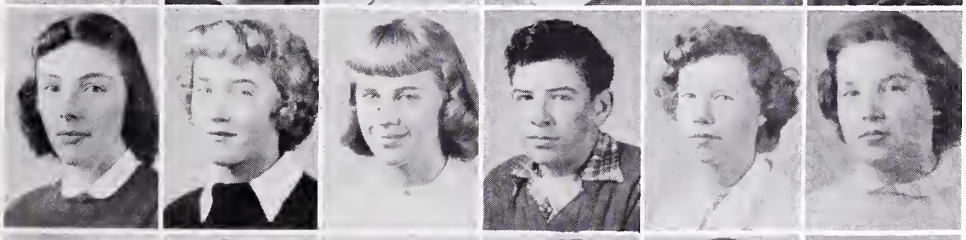

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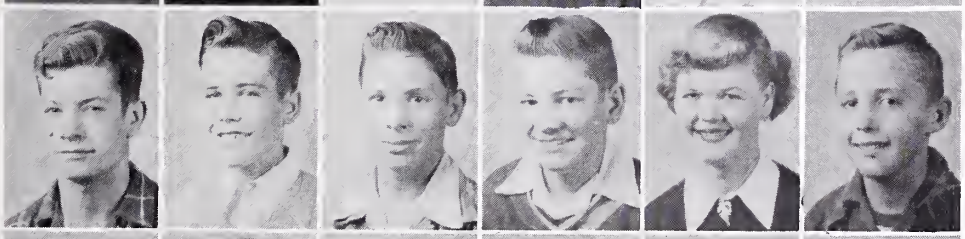

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GRADES

SEVENTH

SIXTH

FIFTH

FOURTH

THIRD

SECOND

FIRST

Three Monkeys

That Wonderful Snow

Dickie

Senior Trip

Miss America

FBLA Convention

On Parade

White House Bound

May Pole Dance

Whee! Legs!

Ain't Love Grand

Bette

What Say?

Two Stoogies

Minister & Queen
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Queen
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Maid Of Honor
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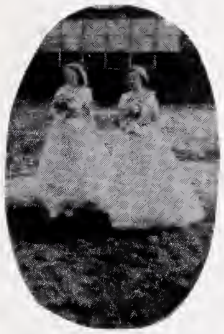

Betty Cole &
Diane Acree

Dolly Mae Brooks
& Patricia Lowery

Anne Louis Owens
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Betty Anne Brizendine
& Anne Taylor

Mary Jane Prillaman
& Nancy Jones

MAY

DAY

S. C. A.

The Student Cooperation Association was organized for the purpose of stimulating character growth of pupils and promoting the general welfare of the school. The purposes of the S. C. A. are to encourage better citizenship, cooperation health, recreation and self-improvement.

Our School furnished a discussion leader secretary and faculty sponson for the District meeting and representatives were present at the Va. High School Forum, and State Convention. We furnished a discussion leader for the State Convention.

Pictured left to right: Chippy Dowell, Mrs. Phillips, Alex Dillard, Anne Louis Owens, Joyce Schauer and Betty Anne Brizendine.

OFFICERS

President..... Anne Owens
Vice-President..... Alex Dillard
Secretary..... Joyce Schauer
Treasurer..... Betty Brizendine
Reporter..... Chippy Dowell
Advisor..... Mrs. Irene Phillips

Chairmen

Seated: Betty Barbour, Anne Taylor, Marjorie Carter, Jean Uebele, Phyllis Winder. Standing: David McCloskey, Mae Lynne Brooks, Francis Brooks, Joe Ryland Mitchell, Mary Forrest Andrews, Jean Shackelford.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Realizing that the most efficient government and social life in the school is planned and developed by the students themselves in cooperation with teachers, the members have two major objectives: (1) to foster a greater degree of self-discipline as imposed discipline and (2) to arouse more interest in clubs of various kinds.

The primary purposes of the Student Council are to promote the many school activities and to assist in carrying out procedures necessary to the well-being of the student body.

Seated: Anne Hillyer, Betty Barbour, Anne Taylor, Anne Louis Owens, Betty Anne Brizendine, Francis Brooks, Dolly Mae Brooks.
Standing: Jeanne Durham, Patricia Carreras, Chippy Dowell, Joyce Schauer, Phyllis Winder, Alex Dillard, David McCloskey, Duane Burton, Audrey Brizendine, Jean Shackleford, Patricia Lowery, Jeane Uebele.

First Row: Balderson, Doggins, Brooks, Sylva, Brooks, Fogg.
Second Row: Schauer, Baughan, Shackleford, Garrett, DeShaze, Winder Coghill, Taylor, Brooks, Burton, McCloskey.
Third Row: Taylor, Andrews, Cole, Chenault.

SAFETY PATROL

The Safety Patrol of Tappahannock High School has been and will remain always an important organization in helping to protect the children of our school.

"To make our school a safe place and to protect the children intrusted to our care" is the motto of the Tappahannock High School Safety Patrol. Through the cooperation of students, teachers, and motorists on the highways, this objective has been realized.

F. B. L. A.

OFFICERS

President..... Thelma Chenault
Vice-Pres.....Mary Smith Moore
Secretary .....Marjorie Carter
Treasurer..... Phyllis Owens
Parliamentarian Mary F. Andrews
Advisor.....Miss Marston

First Row: Miss Marston, Uebele, Brizendine, Allen, Brooks, Owens, Schauer, Carter, Allen, Chenault, Moore, Andrews, Taylor, Owens, Hicks, Verlander, Winder.
Second Row: Lee, Davis, Brizendine, Schools, Allen, Elliott.

First Row: Gaven, Davis, Balderson, Lowery, Barbour, Cole, Hillyer, Mrs. Phillips.
Second Row: Stevens, Brizendine, Uebele, Brooks, Allen, Allen, Lee, Davis, Moore, Schools.
Third Row: Carter, Prillaman, Hillyer, Baughan, Balderson, Allen, Fogg, Smith, Winder, Brooks, Parker.
Fourth Row: Schauer, Taylor, Andrews, Carreras, Durham, Durham, Olinger, Shackleford, Smith, Allen, Allen, Chenault, Dawson.

LIBRARY CLUB

The Library Club is a very useful organization in T. H. S. The members volunteer for Library duties throughout the year. By alternating responsibilities, members receive Library training in different phases of Library work.

F. F. A.

The FFA is an intra-curricular activity having its origin and root in a definite part of the school curriculum -- vocational agriculture. The foundation upon which the Future Farmers of America organization is built, includes service, thirft, scholarship, improved agriculture, organized recreation, citizenship and patriotism.

First Row: L. Brooks, C. Davis, Clark, Moore, Robinson, Lankford.
Second Row: Mr. Blackwell, Garrett, Coghill, Smith, Allen, Evans, Waring, W. Taylor, Loving, Clark, Akers.
Third Row: De Shazo, H. Moore, Tune, Harmon, Baughan, Elliott, Sylva, Bacon, Winder.
Fourth Row: V. Davis, Balderson, Hundley, Mitchell, Hutchinson, N. Taylor, J. Mitchell.

Pictured Left to Right, First Row: Davis, Cole, Christopher, D. Davis, Lowery, Hodges, Coghill, Durham.
Second Row: Pitts, Martin, Gawen, Skelton, Brooks, Mullin, Tignor, Parker, Bramble, Elliott, Mrs. Christopher.
Third Row: Carreras, Spindle, Lee, Schauer, Turner, M. L. Brooks, Smith, Baughan, Schools, Parker.
Fourth Row: Taylor, Lumpkin, Hillyer, Akers, A. Hillyear, Dawson, Haile, Robinson, Cash, Loving, E. Allen, N. Allen, D. Davis.

F. H. A.

The Future Homemakers of America is a National Organization of pupils studying home making in high schools in the United States and Territories. Our Tappahannock Chapter was newly formed this year, having on roll forty-six active members and one honorary member.

The Motto of the Future Home Makers of America, "Toward New Horizons", express the purpose of the organization -- learning to live better today in order that our lives and those of our families may be better tommorrow.

GLEE

CLUB

Recognizing the fact that no education is truly complete without music, the Glee Club is offered outside the regular curriculum.

Some of the aims of the Glee Club are: To increase pleasure in group singing, to lead to a better observance of good singing.

FIRST ROW: Brooks, Uebele, Hillyer, Owens, Balderson, Owens, Carter, Schauer, Haile, Taylor, Durham, Brizendine. SECOND ROW: Fogg, Smith, Langford, Shackelford, Brooks, Doggins, Hodges, Christopher, Lumpkin, Samuel, Spindle, Coghill. THIRD ROW: Durham, Cole, Tate, Prillaman, Winder, Baughan, Davis, Carreras, Turner, Mullin, Brooks. FOURTH ROW: Taliaferro, Ellis, Brooks, Dillard, Mitchell, Croxton, Davis, Brizendine.

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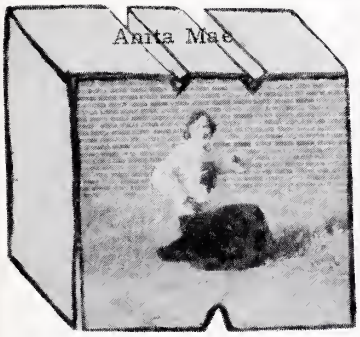

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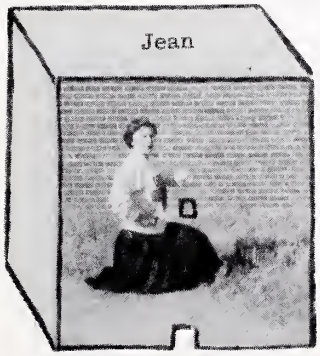

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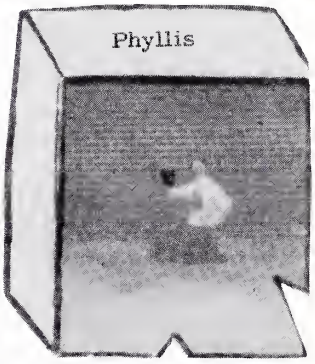

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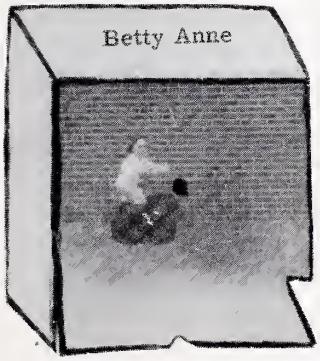

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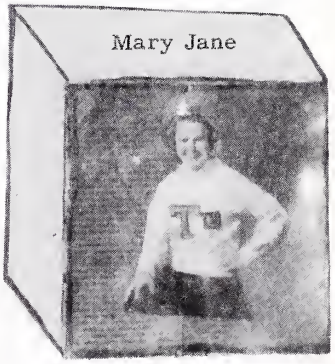

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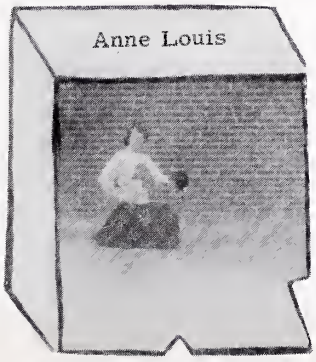

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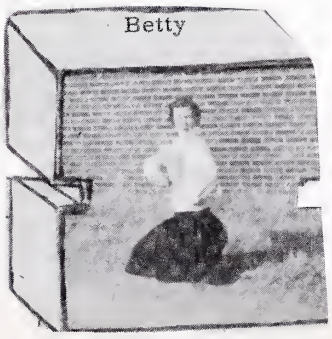

Betty

FOOTBALL

First Row: J. Hundley, B. Balderson, R. Allen, D. Burton, B. Brooks, Co-Captains Joe Mitchell and G. Hayes, R. Croxton, Allen Elliott, C. Dowell, R. Brooks, Coach Ashton. Second Row: E. Elbourne, J. Brooks, L. Brooks, J. Mitchell, D. McCloskey, F. Smith, A. Dillard, H. Elliott, J. Mitchell, B. Parker, B. Davis, B. Winder.

Football at Tappahannock suffered its worst season in 1953 since it was installed here five years ago. Playing an eight game schedule, including an alumni tilt, the Warriors not only failed to win a game, but also did not succeed in crossing the opponents goal even once. However, there were some reasons for this dull showing. Tappahannock was playing eleven man football for the first time in their history after four previous years as a six-man team; also they were starting a new type of football with primarily a green team. Only a few of the '53 Warriors had seen action in '52. And finally, they lacked the bench strength so necessary in football. Whereas their first game was an unmerciful drubbing at the hands of King William, they showed steady improvement and their final 14-0 loss to Christchurch was probably their best game. Dickie Brooks, playing his first year of football, developed into the team's best performer as he handled both backfield and line duties. Joe Mitchell, Gouldie Hayes, Chippy Dowell and James Brooks carried most of the backfield work. Up front, it was Dillard, Elliott and Balderson at ends, Hundley and W. Brooks at the tackles, Allen and Croxton at guard and Burton at center. Many youngsters filled in occasionally including Bennie Davis, David McCloskey, Lloyd Brooks, Bruce Parker and Clarence Elbourne. Most of this team will be back next year for what they hope will be "better times."

Mitchell
Burton
Croxton
Hayes
J. Brooks
Balderson
Carneal
Dowell
L. Brooks
Smith
Hundley
35
Allen
Elliott
Mitchell
Dillard
R. Brooks

BOYS' BASKETBALL

SCORES

Tappahannock	17	Montross	43
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Tappahannock	39	Warsaw	26
Tappahannock	20	Northumberland	50
Tappahannock	42	Whitestone	30
Tappahannock	48	Lively	20
Tappahannock	39	Oak Grove	45
Tappahannock	39	Farnham	17
Tappahannock	17	Cople	31

Starting their season with only two lettermen from last year's squad, Tappahannock had to face a complete rebuilding job in basketball. Small and inexperienced, the Warriors had a rough time of it all season, finishing sixth in a ten-team league. However, they did manage to wind up their season with a fairly respectable 5-5 record. James Coghill, who was lost due to grades at mid-term, led the team in scoring. The best team effort was against second place Oak Grove, as only 6 points separated the teams.

Kneeling: J. Brooks, Coghill, Croxton, Doggins. STANDING: Coach Ashton, Taylor, Gladding, Dillard, Elliott, Davis, Taliaferro, B. Brooks, (Manager).

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL

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Warsaw	22
Northumberland	29
Lively	6
Oak Grove	31
Farnham	31
Cople	25
Kilmarnock (Tournament)	44

Pictured Left to Right: Davis, Smith, Elbourn, Loving, Taylor, Brooks, Baughan, Allen, Moore, D. Brooks, Hillyer, Garrett (Manager).

Playing their second year of basketball and their first with a gym, Tappahannock's girls nevertheless turned in a fine season. They finished their season play with a 7-3 record and their 6-2 mark in district competition was good enough for a first place tie and a tournament spot. Although they bowed out of the tournament in the first round as they lost to Kilmarnock, they will always be remembered as one of Tappahannock's top teams in fight, spirit and ability. Mary Forest Andrews and Mae Lynn Brooks were team Co-Captains; Dolly Mae Brooks led the scoring and Dorinda Davis was a consistently steady guard.

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SOFTBALL

Pictured Left to Right, Kneeling: Dolly M. Brooks, Barbara Baughan, Mary F. Andrews, Deborah Thomas, Jean A. Skelton, Kitty Smith. Standing: Ann Cotten, Alice Robinson, Barbara Taylor, Emma M. Akers, Alice Schools, Mary A. Brooks, Shirley Elliott, Mae Lynne Brooks, Dorinda Davis.

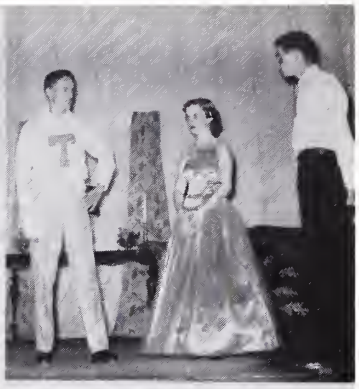
The Tappahannock girls brought the first District Softball Championship to their school since back in the year 1936. Playing an eight game schedule, Tappahannock won six while dropping only two; the only district loss was a one run defeat by Montross. Included in the five District wins were lop-sided defeats of Oak Grove, 23-6 and Warsaw 30-7. Led by senior captain Jean Ann Skelton, Tappahannock was off to a winning but slow start. It wasn't until mid-season after a couple of position changes by Coaches Marston and Ashton that they really hit their stride. The climax to a championship season, of course, came in the District Championship game against Wicomico. Wicomico jumped to a 4-0 first inning lead, but at this point lefty Kitty Schools relieved Emma Mae Akers of the pitching duties and stopped Wicomico with only one run the rest of the way. Tappahannock pecked away a run at the time and won going away. Jean Ann Skelton received the trophy from Mr. Winstead immediately after the game.

Girls who played a big part in the championship season were: Catchers, Mary Ann Brooks and Kitty Schools; First Baseman, Dorinda Davis; Second, Dolly Brooks; Short, Barbara Taylor and Deborah Thomas; Third, Mae Lynn Brooks; Left Field, Jean Ann Skelton; Center, Mary Forrest Andrews; Right, Barbara Baughan, and Emma Akers, Kitty Schools and Mae Lynn Brooks shared the pitching.

Stacked Up

Bull Session

Watch Your Step



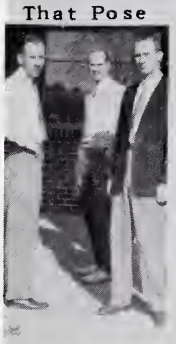
Senior Play of '53

Oh!
That Pose

Prom of '54

All Trash Goes
The Same Way

That Ipana Smile



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